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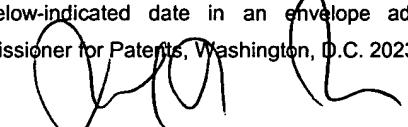
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION --
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Sir:

This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application having a mailing date of October 5, 2001 and for which a period for response of two (2) months from the mailing date of said Notice is set to expire December 5, 2001.

Enclosed is a Declaration by the present Inventors. Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 for the surcharge of \$ 130.00 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.16(e). A copy of this Response is enclosed. Issuance of a formal Filing Receipt is respectfully solicited.

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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